

Correspondence

WELL DESERVED TRIBUTES

June 24, 1920.

To the Secretary:

I am enclosing you my check for fifteen dollars, also one-year note for fifteen dollars, covering amount for Indemnity Fund, Medical Society, State of California.

As you of course know by this time, the case of — terminated favorably for us and I wish to express my thanks to the State Society Defense in this case. I wish especially to show my appreciation of the very painstaking and thorough manner in which Mr. Morrow handled this case. It surely impressed me strongly with the thought that every physician in the State should be a member of this Defense Fund.

Again expressing my appreciation in this matter, Believe me,

Fraternally yours,

July 21, 1920.

To the Secretary:

Referring to the recent case of —, I beg to express my appreciation of your fraternal co-operation, not only in feeling but practical demonstration.

Through the valuable assistance of attorney Hartley F. Peart, whom you sent me without solicitation upon my part, I feel that the case was brought to it's effectual close without proceeding to trial; which fact alone, as you well know meant not only a great saving of energy but of working hours, a thing of far more importance.

Thanking you again for your fraternal co-operation, I am,

Very sincerely,

THE PHYSICIAN'S RESPONSIBILITY

August 5, 1920.

To the Editor:

Dear Sir: With reference to the article appearing in the August number of the "Journal," "What Are You Doing to Defeat the Anti-Health and Anti-Medical Legislation," by Walter C. Alvarez, M. D., San Francisco, and especially concerning the four points thereof, namely: the projects to stop all animal experimentation in California, to abolish compulsory vaccination, to establish a special licensing board for chiropractors, and that which excludes osteopaths from those who are entitled to have use of hypodermic syringes, I believe it a necessity that some means of propaganda be advanced in order that the public be more generally informed as to the facts and circumstances governing these points.

As in all other affairs in which it is desired that the populace be actually informed, no hesitation is sustained in making them known. I believe that the meager efforts on the part of the physician is not sufficient in driving home such enlightenment. There is no doubt about the fact that the average practitioner will conceive of the importance of defeating these projects, but insofar as practicalities are concerned, though his conscientious efforts be extensive, it would be very improbable that sufficient time, contact, conviction, et cetera, be devoted to such efforts. It is true the physician should exert every effort in his power, but it is a decided impracticality to throw the entire responsibility on his shoulders of informing the public. It is approaching commercialism to an extent when we consider the circulation of printed matter, but no one will doubt its efficacy in delivering a forceful and righteous argument and reaching every mortal whom it concerns.

It is beyond doubt that every modern physician fully appreciates the vast importance of defending the profession as well as protecting the public and hence there would be no hesitation in contributing a small sum for such a purpose, and therefore I suggest that if on account of limited finances the State Medical Society would not consider a thorough and extensive propaganda, it would be only right to levy an assessment.

Isn't it appalling to conceive of a people who on one hand advocate the slaughtering of thousands, yea, millions of head of live-stock annually for the purpose of gratifying their palate, and on the other would for a moment contemplate preventing the use of the lowly forms of animal development in the pursuit of information and means that serve as an everlasting aid to health and maintenance of life?

Very truly yours,

R. L. STURGES.

BEWARE THE SWINDLER

San Francisco, Calif., August 10, 1920.

To the Editor:

L. J. Goodrich, D. O., wrote us from Santa Barbara, Calif., under date of January 23, 1920, regarding a Dr. C. Benjamin Schoenfeld, "who recently called on Dr. Goodrich claiming that he was a registered physician and surgeon in California; represented himself to be traveling in the interest of some 52 appliance manufacturers, and on the strength of that obtaining money, claiming \$20.00 as a fee for the bonding company."

In the San Francisco Chronicle under date of May 11, 1920, was a press dispatch, stating that "Dr. C. B. Schoenfeld, an osteopath, claiming to be from Reno, was held in Sacramento on a charge of attempting to pass a fictitious check for \$20.00."

The Secretary of the Nevada Board wrote us under date of June 5 that he had no knowledge of Dr. C. B. Schoenfeld, stating further: "He is no doubt a fraud, if not a criminal."

Under date of June 11, 1920, the Chief of Police of Sacramento wrote us that Dr. C. B. Schoenfeld was arrested in Sacramento May 1, 1920, for passing bad checks, and was later released on May 14, 1920, his case being dismissed. "We had information that he was wanted in Berkeley for embezzlement and also in San Francisco. His whereabouts are unknown to us at the present time."

We are sending you this item of news, having in mind the possibility of said individual traveling throughout the State and imposing upon the profession.

Yours very truly,

C. B. PINKHAM, M. D.,

Secretary-Treasurer.

Notices

The twenty-fifth annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Oto-Laryngology will be held in Kansas City, Mo., October 14, 15, 16, 1920, at the Hotel Muehlebach. The local members of the Academy and their friends are making arrangements to give all those who attend a pleasant time. The medical profession is cordially invited.

Doctor Warfield Longcope, of Columbia University, New York, who is coming to San Francisco as a guest of the California Academy of Medicine, is to hold two clinics, to which the medical profession at large is invited. At ten o'clock on Friday morning, September third, he will hold a clinic at the University of California Hospital on "Syphilitic Aortitis." At the same time on Saturday morning he will hold a clinic at the Stanford Medical School on "Hodgkin's Disease."